AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- A trivalent europium-activated oxide phosphor has a formula of $(Gd_{1-x-y}Y_xLa_y)(Al_{1-z-v}Ga_zIn_v)O_3$: Eu^{3+}, wherein $0 \leq x, y, x, v \leq 1$, $0 \leq x+y \leq 1$, and $0 \leq z+v \leq 1$. In this formula, the trivalent europium ion written after the colon denotes the activator, which is doped into the oxide host lattice. The europium activator is present in an amount from about 0.0005 to about 20 mole percent, preferably from about 0.0005 to about 10 mole percent, and more preferably from about 0.001 to about 5 mole percent. In one embodiment, a phosphor of the present invention is capable of absorbing at least 80 percent of exciting UV radiation at wavelength of about 254 nm. --